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Terry Goddard, AARP Arizona to Host Shred a Thon, Share Tips to Prevent Identity Theft

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Oct. 5, 2005) Do you have tax returns from 1992? Haven't bought that shredder you have been meaning to buy? Bring your personal papers to the Yuma Public Library and join Attorney General Terry Goddard for a shred-a-thon and presentation on ID theft prevention. This event will be held Friday, October 14, from 2-4 p.m.

Goddard and AARP Arizona will host a *Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft* presentation. The program includes providing a large shredding truck for Yuma residents who have old bills, tax returns, medical records and other documents that need shredding. The Iron Mountain Shredding Company has donated one of its shredding trucks for this event. Yuma residents are encouraged to bring boxes of their old papers for disposal.

"ID theft is a crime of convenience, and thieves look for the easiest way to take someone's identity," Goddard said. "Shredding documents is a quick and easy way to protect yourself from becoming an ID theft victim."

Currently, Arizona ranks No. 1 in the country for identity theft. This program will provide residents with information and tips to protect themselves from becoming ID theft victims.

"Many people don't realize that bits and pieces of their personal information can be a gold mine to an identity thief," said David Mitchell, AARP Arizona State Director. "In fact, a person's name, address and phone number may be all that's needed to commit fraud and damage a person's good name or credit."

Event Information:

When: Friday – October 14
2 - 4 p.m.
Where: Yuma County Library
350 Third Avenue
Yuma

A door-prize drawing will be held during the ID theft protection presentation.
This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call toll free 1-866-358-6661.

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